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In re Application of: D. James Surmeier, *et al.*
Serial No.: 10/761,557
Filed: 01/21/2004
Entitled: Manipulation of Neuronal Ion Channels

Group No.: 1635
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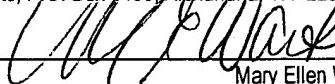
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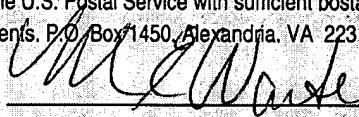
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This communication is responsive to the Final Office Action mailed 02/21/06. This communication is being submitted within two months of the date of mailing of the Final Office Action in order to provoke an advisory action from the Examiner. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Specification being on page 2 of this response.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 4 of this response.

Arguments/remarks begin on page 5 of this response.